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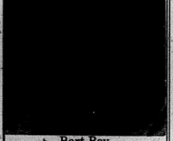
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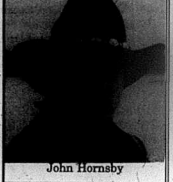
**American Red Cross Country Music Festival**

The Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross



Bart Roy

Cross will host a Country Music Festival starring



John Hornsby

Nashville recording artists Bart Roy and John Hornsby and also featuring Jake Murphy, Phil Eddings and the Redwings on Saturday, March 28. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at the Clewiston Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

For more information, contact the West County branch of the Red Cross at 992-9703. Proceeds will benefit the Western Palm Beach County and the Hendry County Service Centers.

## March of Dimes car wash

Employees at First Union Bank in Belle Glade will be holding a car wash on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the March of Dimes.

## Planning meeting cancelled

Belle Glade City Commissioners have postponed a day-long session which was set for this Saturday. The meeting was to plan the city's future objectives. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date.

## Commissioner Foster to speak

Commissioner Ken Foster will address residents at a meeting set for Saturday, March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida in the Fourth Floor Conference Room. The event is sponsored by SPAN, Inc., a non-profit organization. Commissioner Foster will discuss plans for the

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**Lake Level**  
18.41 feet above sea level  
March 24, 1998

## Two men confess to setting eight fires in South Bay

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Two men have confessed to setting seven house fires in South Bay between March 2 and 20 and one in November of last year.

Chris Orlando Daniels, 21, of South Bay and Ralph M. Freeman, 22, of Belle Glade confessed to South Bay Police officers after being questioned this week.

Police Chief Danny Jones said it was an intense investigation trying to find out who has been setting fires in the city for three weeks. Even

though no one died in the fires, several families in apartments were left homeless.

"I called in all my officers and we spent three weeks checking every sexual predator file and criminal record," said the chief.

Chief Jones says his officers went door to door questioning over 100 residents in the southwest section of town. "Everyone was very cooperative. They wanted us to solve this," he said.

Both accused men appear to have a fascination with fire. See House Fires, Page 11

## City attorney stepping down after 35 years

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

John Baker came to work as the attorney for the City of Belle Glade the year before President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed in Dallas in 1963.

He's directed the city through the tense times of the Civil Rights movement and numerous law suits. Now, after 35 years of keeping the city on the right legal track, Mr. Baker is stepping down. In a resignation letter last week, he told commissioners his last day will be March 31.

"Somewhere down the line, you've just got to stop," said Mr. Baker, who will be 81 in July.

"It's been fun," he told commissioners Monday night, "and I tried my best to give the city



John Baker

good legal advice and good service."

Vice Mayor D. Bill Mathis said he likes to kidding tell people he slept with John Baker. See, Baker retires, Page 11

## Some positive things have come from being on 'The List' says West Area Superintendent

By Katrina Elaken  
Contributing Editor

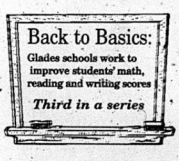
They call it "the list." Administrators, teachers and students are acutely aware of their school's status on the Florida Commissioner of Education's Critical Schools List.

They are embarrassed by the stigma of being on the list. They are working hard to get their schools off the list and keep them off.

Over the next few weeks, this series in The Sun will look at some of the reasons why Glades area chil-

dren have scored so poorly on reading, writing and math tests in the past. We'll look at some of the changes schools have made, and at the progress they have seen from these changes.

We'll also look at ways the Palm Beach County School District, under pressure from the State Department of Education, is now helping the Glades schools get



answers, no quick fixes. It will take time to get the students up to national grade level in the basic skills. But they are determined to make

back on track.

The elementary schools in the Glades have taken a "back to basics" approach, stressing the importance of reading, writing and math skills. School officials say there are no easy

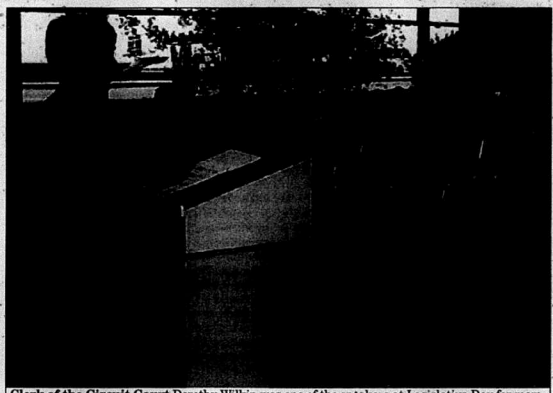
sure the students will succeed.

"If there was ever a time that positive things were happening for Glades Schools, this is it," said West County Superintendent of Schools Eugenia Jones. "If being on the list, is the reason, then so be it."

Three years ago, the majority of Glades area schools found themselves on the Florida Commissioner of Education's "critical" list, due to extremely low math and reading scores.

The resulting attention to the schools in these isolated communities has re-

See "The list," Page 11



Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Wilkin was one of the speakers at Legislative Day for members of the Leadership Glades class. Members of the class traveled to the Glades Courthouse to learn about various aspects of the court system on Wednesday, March 18.

**Now Pahokee Day is Saturday, March 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce at 924-5579 for additional information or Pahokee Main Street at 924-6332.**

## Ninth Annual Glades Health Career Day is tomorrow

Four agencies are sponsoring the Ninth Annual Glades Health Career Day on Friday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at West Technical Education Center in Belle Glade.

Health professionals will be available to provide demonstrations, information and encouragement to students from Pahokee, Glades Central, Glades Day, Pace Center and Moore Haven schools.

The event is sponsored by Glades PATCH (Planned Approach to Community Health), West

Technical Education Center, Everglades Area Health Education Center and Nova Southeastern University in an effort to increase interest in young people choosing health careers.

Among the health professionals who will participate are nurses, x-ray and lab technicians, occupational and physical therapists, physicians, dentists, nutritionists, dental hygienists and assistants, and pharmacists.

Trauma Hawk and the Glades Med-Mobile will also be available.



TOUCHDOWN, THE MIAMI DOLPHIN'S MASCOT, is shown with Gove Elementary School teacher Ellen Smith. Willis Whalen with the Miami Dolphins gave students grades second through fifth a motivational speech about sportsmanship and the importance of obtaining an education.

## Understanding the Florida Writes program

By Katrina Elaken  
Contributing Editor

The Florida Department of Education developed the Florida Writes writing assessment program in 1990.

According to the Department of Education report, the department, with assistance of advisory groups of teachers, school and district administrators and citizens, developed writing topics and a scoring system.

For this assessment, each student is given a writing folder containing a topic, or "prompt." Students are given 45 minutes to read the prompt, plan their responses and write their responses in the folders. A separate sheet is provided for planning and prewriting activities such as outlining or jotting down ideas. Within each classroom, students are randomly assigned one of two prompts. Fourth graders are given a prompt that asks them to explain something or to tell a story. Eighth and tenth grade students are given a prompt that asks them to explain or persuade.

The assessments are graded on a scale of one to six. To receive a 6, the student must turn in writing that is focused on the topic, has a logical organizational pattern and has ample development of supporting ideas. The paper must demonstrate a sense of completeness. The writing must demonstrate a mature command of the lan-

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# Black Gold Notes

By Dianne Carter, Jubilee Chairman

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## Meet the Challenge!

Jubilee '98 will offer the weekend warriors and amateur artists lots of different ways to test their skills. Be sure to get an application to enter your favorite athletic event or contest.

## Photography Contest

Capture the Legacy of the Land in a photo. Whether it is a crop growing in the field or a grandchild playing on a swing, you may just have that winning snapshot. Photos must have been taken after January 1, 1997 in one of the counties surrounding Lake Okeechobee, must be no larger than 8 1/2" x 11", and must be submitted by the person who took the photo. Categories for the contest are: 1) Landscape/Still Life, 2) Character/People, and 3) Nature/Animals/Birds, and you may submit two photos in each category. Judges will be John Carillo, Ed Rongione, and Tony Toulis. Application forms are available at city hall or you may call Karen Corbin at ERMC at 924-5200. Deadline for photos - April 10, 1998.

## Children's Fishing Contest

The Children's Fishing Contest, hosted by Belle Glade Fire Rescue, is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at the Belle Glade Marina at 9 a.m., with registration starting at 7 a.m. So bring your little ones to see who can land the biggest or the most fish. There will be four divisions starting with children 0-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years, and 13-15 years. You may register the morning of the event or get applications in advance at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, city hall, or the fire department. Don't miss it!

## Softball Tournament

The Life Builders Softball Tournament is a real test of skill and endurance! So get your team together and join the fun. The tournament will be held at Airport Park Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18. The winning team will receive the trophy and Black Gold Jubilee Softball Tournament T-shirts. Get your application at the chamber of commerce, city hall, or call Mark Allen at 924-4850.

## 5K Walk/Run

The 5K Walk/Run gets bigger and better every year. Registration starts at 6:30 a.m. and the race starts at 7:30 a.m. on Jubilee day, April 25, from the Belle Glade Marina Pavilion to a turn-around point on the Lake Road and back to the pavilion for 3.2 miles or 5K. So, whether you like to walk or run, there will be a '98 Black Gold Walk/Run T-shirt, courtesy of First Community Bank, for each entrant and medals for the winners in several different age categories. Contact Lee or Mark Sutterfield or Juan Mata at city hall at 924-0100 for advance applications.

## Volleyball Tournament

The volleyball tournament is ready to go for Saturday, April 25 at the Belle Glade Marina. Ten teams have registered already for this one-day, double-elimination tournament, so if you are not one of those teams be sure to call Jenny Sears at The Sun newspaper at 924-4404. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and every player will get a '98 Black Gold Volleyball Tournament T-shirt, courtesy of Everglades Farm Equipment.

## set for April 18

## Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold

Boys and girls ages 3-6 are invited to participate in the annual Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold contest. The event will be held April 18 at 4 p.m. at Glades Day School's Tripp Hall, 400 Gator Blvd, Belle Glade.

The entry fee is \$20 per child

and the deadline to enter is Monday, April 13.

The pageant will begin promptly at 4 p.m. and children must be at Tripp Hall no later than 3:45 p.m.

There will be no practice. High school students will escort the children on stage

where they will be interviewed by veteran emcee Cathy Lee.

A panel of experienced judges will select a Little Mr. Black Gold and two runners-up.

A \$2 admission fee will be charged to everyone other than the contestants.

## Clewiston's Sugar Festival is April 18

The Charlie Daniels Band is the headline entertainers for this year's Sugar Festival's 12 annual event in Clewiston.

The festival will be held in

the Clewiston City Park from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the Charlie Daniels Band will perform a free concert at 4 p.m.

T. Bubba Bechtel will be the

parade marshal and master of ceremonies.

In conjunction with other Sugar Festival activities, there will be a golf tournament on April 4, a parade, the Sweet Taste of Sugar Country Dessert Contest and Auction, an Antique Car show, old-fashioned cane grinding, a 5K Walk/Run, the Business and Profession Women's Club Arts & Crafts Show, variety of food booths, all day entertainment, children's activities and a Ranch Rodeo at the fairgrounds arena at 6:30 p.m.

For more information call the Sugar Festival Committee at 941-902-2400 or 941-983-7979 or Wragg & Casas Public Relations person Isabel Cristina Abascal at 305-372-1234.

## Upcoming performances at the Dolly Hand

The Stetson University Jazz Ensemble will be at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Dan Seals will perform at the Center on Friday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m., and a Fabulously Funny Evening will be Friday, May 1.

For tickets or more information call Leigh Woodham at 924-6160.

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**HONORED BY BELLE GLADE POST OFFICE...**William Benjamin has retired from the Belle Glade Post Office after 24 years. Coworkers held a party on Saturday, March 21 in his honor and gave him a plaque to remember them by. He also received a distinguished service award from the service for his time served.

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future site of the Pompey 24-Hour Day Care Center, located at 800 West Avenue A in Belle Glade.

Anyone interested in attending the event should call 996-7089 during the day or after 3 p.m. call 922-8258 and ask for Gerri Cunningham.

## Mobile Medical Clinic at Pahokee Elementary

The Mobile Medical Clinic will be based at Pahokee Elementary School on March 26 and 30 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

This time is allotted for school physicals and immunizations, as well as sick visits. Parents of children entering school in the fall are welcome to bring their children to complete the health requirements prior to the fall school year.

For further information call the Med-Mobile office, 996-1600.

## Tickets still available for "I Love Pahokee"

It's not too late for anyone who hasn't purchased their tickets for the 'Low Country Boil' (including shrimp, vegetables and seasonings) or the fish fry tickets for the March 28 "I Love Pahokee" day.

Volunteers are sought for servers and cooks or to sell tickets. Call the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce at 924-5579 to make reservations and volunteer.

The dinners will be served from 11:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Take-out is also available.

## Community invited to help in gleaning 1998

The community is invited to participate in Gleaning 1998. Over one million pounds of produce has been donated for harvesting in the Glades and helpers are needed to help gather the produce for the needy. Last year, 150 volunteers picked 44,000 pounds of fresh corn in four hours.

The gleaning will be Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a corn roast on the lake.

Families, churches, synagogues, neighbors, coworkers and friends (10 years old and older) are needed to harvest corn in Belle Glade. Your help

## Baha'is plan Sunday meetings

The Baha'i community in the Glades will be holding spiritual meetings each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Magdalene Carney Baha'i Institute, 130 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Belle Glade. A prayer session begins at 10 a.m. and classes for adults, youth and children start at 10:30 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will take place at noon and a youth workshop begins at 1 p.m.

## Sportsman's Flea Market and Airboat & Swamp Buggy Show

The annual Sportsman's Flea Market and Airboat & Swamp Buggy Show will be Sunday, March 29 at the South Florida Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Presented by the Airboat and Halftrack Conservation Club of Palm Beach County, Inc., the event will include barbecue and hot dogs, drinks, drawings and kids entertainment. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under 12 are free.

## Belle Glade and Pahokee offering free smoke detectors

Belle Glade and Pahokee Fire Departments have a number of smoke detectors they will be giving away to residents.

Belle Glade Fire Chief Steve Rice and Pahokee Fire Chief Gary Burroughs said the detectors are free to anyone who does not currently have smoke detectors, particularly low income and elderly residents in the city. Fire personnel will install the alarms and will also perform a complimentary home safety survey while they are there.

Call Pahokee Fire Rescue at 924-2424 to set up an appointment with Fire Chief Burroughs or in Belle Glade Call Lt. Hamilton at 996-2032.

## Activities for seniors open and free

Glades residents 65 years old and older are invited to participate in activities held daily at the West County Senior Citizen Center, 2916 St. Road 15, Belle Glade.

Administrator Effie McNair said many fun activities are scheduled for the participants, including a birthday cake and punch party held the last Friday of each month. Other activities include weekly movies, monthly trips to the mall, and craft classes. Fire prevention and safety classes can be held in Seniors' homes and free blood pressure screening is offered.

For more information or transportation, call Mrs. McNair at 996-4808.

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Anyone needing additional information can contact Elinor Walker, coordinator at 996-1959.

## Free transportation

The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

## Bereavement Support Group offered

Hospice of Palm Beach County is offering bereavement support for local residents. Anyone who is having a difficult time dealing with the death of an important person in their life, struggling with loneliness and a changing social role, is invited to attend. For further information call 996-1285.

## NA and AA meetings

There are two narcotic anonymous groups that meet in the Glades and new members are always welcome.

Sweet Miracles meets on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 200 N.W. Avenue H, Belle Glade. They have open discussions and speakers.

There is also a PANDA (Pregnant And Addicted) meeting every Saturday at 10 a.m. at the PANDA office, 816 N.W. Avenue D, Belle Glade. This meeting is for women only and is an open discussion meeting. Alcoholics Anonymous meet on Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 N.W. Avenue G, Belle Glade. Participation in any of these meetings is strictly confidential.

Anyone needing additional assistance or who has questions can call Narcotics Anonymous at 561-848-NANA.

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## The First Gospel Explosion



Thank you is just not enough to say for the First Gospel Explosion which was held on March 19, 1998 at the Pahokee High School Auditorium and the proceeds from this event was given to the Pahokee High F.B.L.A. and Euphene Morris Scholarship Fund.

This was a spiritual success and Special Thanks to the following persons and groups. To Sharon V. Brown (Aunt) for starting the program and turning it over to the M.C. Rev.

Willie Lawrence who decided to miss his district meeting to serve on this worthwhile program, to help some person continue his or her education in Cosmetology, in memory of Euphene (Peneka) Morris. Rev. Lawrence saw that the program was spiritually alive as he called on the choir to sing: New Bethel M.B. Church Youth and Adult Choirs of Belle Glade; Greater New Hope #1 Choir of Pahokee; Vanessa Ford, who is attending college in Tampa sang a solo; Members of Glades Central Chorus, Belle Glade; Mount Zion A.M.E. Adult Choir of Belle Glade; New Bethel A.M.E. Adult Choir of South Bay; Inspiration Church of God Mass Church of South Bay; Traveling Voices of the Glades area and The Gospel Song Birds, who's anniversary is on Mother's Day at the old Pahokee High Gym, and even though they had to be at work early, they stayed for the entire program and provided music for those without music.

To the other participants, THANKS to Joan Bass (god-mother); Pahokee High F.B.L.A. sponsor; Robbie Everett for tickets and flyers; Stobie Inman for flyers; Morris Smith (uncle) video; Big A (uncle) for taking pictures; Maude Vereen (grandmother) for designing the certificates; and other family members Dan & D'Juan Brown (cousins); Faryl & Geneeka Morris (sisters); Darian & Devina Morris (brother & sister); Marquise & Darian, II (nephews, all of Jacksonville, FL).

I also want to thank those people that came to support the program even though the weather was rainy. For those that couldn't make the program and would like to contribute you may do so at the First Union Bank of Belle Glade, or contact Shirley Morris at 996-8435 or Maude Vereen at 996-2340. Donations need to be made payable to Euphene Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund. With you help "Peneka's" memories will continue to live.

Until next year, THANKS AGAIN, Shirley Morris (Mother)

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# HEALTH WATCH

## Old home remedies - still being used

### A healthier life ...

By Katrina Elksen

In recent years, many people have become more interested in "natural" remedies for common ailments.

I can tell you from experience that mustard takes the sting out of a stinging insect bite. Just slather some on and let it dry. I learned that one first-hand, at Girl Scout camp. The theory is that it draws out the poison. Similar remedies include a paste of baking soda and water or even mud. As a child, when I accidentally angered a nest of wasps, my quick-thinking father grabbed a handful of mud and slathered it on the stings.

Those who suba dive can tell you that meat tenderizer is a good first aid remedy for jellyfish stings.

Anyone who is prone to bladder infections probably knows that a daily glass of cranberry juice can help prevent this painful affliction. Something in the cranberry juice makes it harder for the bacteria to cling to the wall of the bladder. But it has to be real cranberry juice, not a "cocktail" or mix of cranberry and other juices. Another preventive measure for those who are prone to bladder infections is simply to drink a lot of water. This keeps the bladder flushed out and doesn't give the bacteria a chance to grow. "New Choices in Natural Healing," from Rodale Press includes some interesting tips such as:

- For instant relief of a leg cramp, try a little apple cider

vinegar. Vinegar is high in potassium and low potassium levels may cause some cramping. Drink a mixture of two teaspoons vinegar and one teaspoon honey in a glass of warm



Katrina Elksen

water.

- Milk can help heal a minor burn. For minor burns, soak the burned area in whole milk for 15 minutes or apply a milk-soaked washcloth. Repeat every two to six hours as needed for pain.

- Yogurt helps fight yeast infections when the yogurt contains acidophilus, which is a body "friendly" bacteria.

- Cabbage can help cure ulcers. It contains a lot of glutamine, an amino acid that has been shown to help heal ulcers. The book recommends you eat at least one healthy serving of steamed cabbage each day for two weeks. (Another "natural" cure for ulcers is papaya. Papaya is said to ease digestion. This makes sense when you consider the fact that papaya extract is one of the main ingredients in meat tenderizers.)

- For emergency relief from a

toothache, chew cloves. Take two cloves from the spice rack (assuming you have a spice rack and it contains cloves) and place them between your aching tooth and your cheek. It works best if you chew the cloves a little first to release their juices. This is just an emergency remedy to use until you can get to the dentist. It helps relieve the pain but does not help what is causing the pain.

- Help relieve an attack of food poisoning with bread. Bread helps "soak up" the poison for quicker relief. Make it plain bread. If you top it with butter or jam, you could feel even sicker.

- If you're often exposed to second-hand smoke, consuming foods high in beta-carotene (carrots, squash, yams, sweet potatoes and other yellow-orange vegetables) as well as food rich in vitamin C (citrus, peppers and broccoli) and vitamin E (such as wheat germ and nuts) can help your body cleanse your lungs.

- Mix ginger and pineapple to help cure a sore throat. Juice three pineapple rings with a one-fourth inch slice of fresh ginger. Both contain anti-inflammatory agents that help speed healing.

If you have a natural remedy you'd like to share with others, send to: A healthier life, c/o Katrina Elksen, The Daily Okeechobee News, P.O. 639, Okeechobee, Fla. 34973.

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Florida is the leading honey producing state in the nation.

## Early MRI Predicts Therapy Success For Cervical Cancer Patients

(NAPS)—Women with cervical cancer can receive more successful treatment as a result of a new use for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). A study team at the University of Iowa has found that by taking an MRI in the first two weeks of treatment physicians can predict if a patient will respond to a particular therapy. This will give the doctor the opportunity to change the treatment plan early enough to improve the patient's chances of recovering.

The new MRI can show the blood supply of the cancerous tumor during radiation treatment. If the tumor has a good blood supply with plenty of oxygen, radiation therapy would be quite effective. In those with poor blood supply, the tumor likely would not respond to treatment. Those patients, therefore, would need more intensive treatment (such as additional chemotherapy or radical surgery).

An MRI used early in treatment can be cost-effective, according to the American College of Radiology and the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology. The reason, ACR and ASTRO explain, is that early

and intense treatment can improve the prognosis for those patients who are likely to fail with radiation therapy. On the other hand, more expensive, intense treatment may be avoided for those who are likely to have successful treatment.

In a pilot study at the University of Iowa, Dr. William Yuh, a diagnostic radiologist and Dr. Nina Mayr, a radiation oncologist, and co-investigators, reported a 100 percent success rate in predicting the therapy results for cervical cancer using MRI early in the treatment process. Traditionally, imaging of the tumor was done several months or even up to a year after treatment was finished. The researchers say that by the time doctors find that a treatment isn't working, there are very few options that can be offered. They plan a larger study to confirm their findings.

For general information on MRI and other diagnostic radiology tools, contact ACR at 1891 Preston White Drive, Reston, VA 20191. For more information on radiation oncology contact ASTRO at the same address.

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH CORNER



By Faye Brandenburg

How many times have we, as adults, longed to be a carefree infant again? Maybe if we could remember some of our earliest experiences, we may change our minds or at least have a little more understanding of our children. Close your eyes and pretend you are a baby. For the first six months of your life, you have been getting all your nourishment by sucking on a nipple, and you do it rather well. Sucking is something that you practiced in the womb, could do at birth and have been doing every since and you like it, you are a natural, and life has been a pleasant procession of liquids expertly extracted, until today.

Today, your mother has put you in an infant seat and is waving a silver spoon with enthusiasm and a big smile, cooing. On the spoon is a heaping mound of white goo. Mom seems to think this is very exciting. The goo comes closer and closer and then plops, she shoves it into your mouth. Your mouth, eyes and everything you have in your body seizes. "Achhh! What is this?" and then you gag. How are you supposed to suck that stuff? You spit the goo out and clamp your jaws shut. Feeding time is definitely over for now. Although Mom might be alarmed because you gagged on your first bite of solid food, a certain amount of gagging is normal when a baby starts to eat. Eating is a learned process. With the sucking reflex, babies bring their tongues to the front of the mouth and then up towards the palate. They may take 10-20 sucks, and then take a big swallow. With solid foods, though, the tongue needs to

swing the food to the back of the mouth, the opposite of what has been natural for six months.

Learning to swallow solid foods is not an easy task for a baby. During the learning process, he may gag if food starts heading towards his airway rather than towards his stomach. "If your child is gagging a little while eating, he may not have reached the stage in his development where he's ready for the experience," says Philip Colaiszo, M.D. The right time to introduce your child to solids is when he can sit up fairly well by himself. "Rice cereal is an ideal first food because kids are seldom allergic to it, and it can be made very diluted by mixing it with extra milk," says Dr. Colaiszo. "Your baby will have less trouble eating the cereal if the texture is more like the liquid he is used to swallowing. Once your baby can swallow rice cereal, you can gradually work your way up to foods that are thicker and have a coarser consistency."

At first you want to keep the meals small. Early solid food meals are for practice, not sustenance. A baby who is learning to eat needs just a few teaspoons of food per day to practice on. The main nutrition should come from breast milk or formula. When your child opens his mouth, place a pea sized portion of food on the front of the tongue. A large amount of food is harder to deal with, and if you drop it towards the back of the mouth, your child is much more likely to gag on it.

Remember, each new food you add over the next several months is a strange experience

of flavors and textures. Don't try to force the issue if your baby is having trouble with a new food. If your child is gagging on a particular food such as potatoes or strained beef, omit the food from the diet for a few days, then try again using a slightly finer texture. "If your child vomits or gags at every feeding, you may be giving him more than he can handle," says Dr. Colaiszo. "In the first year of life, a baby can't control his food intake very well, so it is your job not to overfeed him." If your baby turns his head away or starts closing his lips when the spoon comes near his mouth, he has had enough and he is telling you he doesn't want any more. A baby's appetite will vary day to day, with him eating more one day and less the next. Although the gag reflex is a normal reaction in many situations, babies and children should not be gagging on a regular basis. If your child gags repeatedly or starts to turn red in the face or bluish around the lips, see your doctor. In rare cases, gagging may indicate a problem that requires medical intervention. As always, when in doubt, contact your physician and remember, children are special.



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## OPINION PAGE



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## A problem with the post office

"I can't seem to get an answer from the Belle Glade Post Office. I also can't seem to get my problem taken care of."

For three years or more I've had the same post office box. To this day, I still get a lot of mail that is not mine. I have complained to the post office, but it hasn't seemed to help.

As much money and hourly pay as those people get they could take the time to take care of my problem. I should not have to write on the bill or to the people who sent this mail out to my box. I guess the best thing to do is drop the box then the problem would be over.

If the mail does not have my name on it, I wish the post office would stop putting it in my box."

**Belle Glade Postmaster Johnny W. Johnson responds:** "First of all, I apologize to any of our customers who encountered a problem with our services. Although I cannot personally respond to this customer in that he or she is not identified, I will be more than glad to meet with him or her in my office at his or her convenience in order to give an answer to help solve this problem. Again, to all of our fine postal customers I say, together we can find the solution."

## COP program not a good idea?

"I'm calling in regard to the article you ran in last week's paper concerning the C.O.P. program. In all due respect Chief Miller, what could you possibly be thinking of, putting untrained, inexperienced and uncertified citizens in what you might as well call an unarmed patrol car."

Don't get me wrong. I'm a deputy sheriff and I know how hard it is to cover our area, but what I also know is that on my everyday routine I often glance back at my training techniques and most cases are difficult to deal with.

Giving these citizens three hours of training, a cell phone, a radio and a car that is marked C.O.P. can endanger lives.

In your experience I'm sure you have come upon some bad situations that you did not expect as well as I expect these citizens will also.

I admire the concern of these people, but do they have to advertise themselves while patrolling? I know the courage it takes to put on this uniform and perform my sworn duties every day, but I also know the satisfaction that comes in return, knowing that you have helped people.

My only concern is for the citizens. In my opinion you are throwing these people out to a pack of wolves."

Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police

**Michael R. Miller responds:** "In all due respect to the concerned deputy sheriff, the Belle Glade Police Department's Citizen Observer Patrol will have no law enforcement responsibilities. Our program is modeled exactly after the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department's very successful Citizen Observer Patrol, utilizing their training manuals and operational guidelines. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department's Citizen Observer Patrol has over 4,000 members and in fact, throughout Palm Beach County there are thousands of volunteers participating in Citizen Observer Patrols in most communities. I appreciate your concern, however I suggest you research this program in the hope that factual information will enhance your understanding of how important it is to truly have a partnership between the citizens and law enforcement. Please feel free to contact me or Sheriff Neumann of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department if you would like to discuss this matter."

Note: The safety of our Citizen Observer Patrol members is an important factor in these well-established programs. To my knowledge, there has been no incident of harm or serious injury to any Citizen Observer Patrol member. The anonymous nature of **Speak Out** makes it hard for me to believe that this caller is truly a deputy sheriff. It's hard for me to believe that a deputy sheriff would be this misguided and uninformed."

## A former teacher's perspective

"This call is about your most recent article in the March 19 issue about 'it's tough getting good teachers in the Glades area.'"

I've worked in the school system before as a teacher. I know in the Glades area they are only allowed to have 26 percent African-American teachers. There are many African-American people who have gone on to prestigious universities and come back to this area and applied for jobs in the school system and want to work here in the Glades area and are turned away because most of the schools have their 26 percent.

So, there are a lot of educated teachers who have a lot to offer these kids who are simply turned away because of the color of their skin.

Also, there was nothing mentioned about the fact that a lot of the parents are not as supportive as parents on the coast. Quite often the teachers are up against students who are cursing them out, who have little interest in school, who have so many other things going on in their lives, for example, drugs, parents are on drugs, crime, violence. There are so many other factors that contribute.

I think the teachers are doing their part and doing more than their share, but the parents

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## New research shows that females can succeed in math as well as males...or better

Miami-Dade Community College

Using plain English, females can achieve as well as males in middle school and remedial and college level math classes, according to new research by Suzanne Austin, Ph.D., professor of mathematics at Miami-Dade Community College, Kendall Campus.

Traditionally, while male and female students start out on a par in elementary school, more female students 'drop out' of math as they reach the seventh or eighth grade, and later self-select out of careers that are math intensive.

Austin believes that a technique called transactional writing can help women and girls break the "math ceiling." For the past year, she has directed a research study, funded by the National Science Foundation: Experimental Projects for Women and Girls, using words to help students understand mathematical concepts and lose their math anxiety.

In the project's first annual report to the NSF, results are exceeding expectations. On the remedial college level, both male and female students' attitudes toward math improved, meaning that their fear of math and their stress over exams were significantly reduced. Female students made the transition even faster.

The students' academic success in math also was significantly improved. Students in the test group were more likely to achieve a grade of "S" (Satisfactory) after only one semester and were able to move on to college level studies. Students in the control group tended to repeat the same subject for two or three consecutive semesters before advancing to another level.

At the middle school level, attitude and achievement results paralleled those at the college level. However, there were some additional factors at the middle schools which made their results even more impressive.

The middle school classes involved in the research ranged from low-achieving to gifted students, from low to high socio-economic status, and represented a broad spectrum of ethnic groups. Some students were from a magnet

school, others participated in a new type of block scheduling, and some were from traditional middle schools. Some students in the test group were such low achievers that they could barely spell or write a complete sentence. Surprisingly, this group shows the most progress.

"For the most part, they were negative about both writing and math, and had little or no interest in grades," said Carol Roisman, mathematics teacher at Southwood Middle School. "Many sat bewildered and frustrated. Others flat out refused to write. Slowly, very slowly, changes began to appear; less resistance, a marked use of mathematical terminology - trying to be more creative in their writing, and others, who before had refused to write, were actually putting pencil to paper."

"I had one male student, who could not even put together a phrase in the beginning of the school year, write two good sentences - about math! One of my female students is now sub-committee of writing, earning grades above 'C.' Previously, this student was very much against writing in her math class, was earning near failing grades."

On the other hand, the gifted students adapted so well to the program that they often wrote six and eight page answers to the questions.

It is important to note that all the measures for achievement and attitude were obtained through the use of professionally respected standardized tests, such as the Stanford Achievement Test and Aiken's Revised Mathematics Attitude Scale.

These results are helping to prove that the issue of females being able to succeed in mathematics was never an issue of capability, but rather an issue of attitude and opportunity," Austin added.

Nearly 1,000 students, both male and female, from three middle schools and one college participated in the first year of the study. When the project is complete in the year 2000, Austin hopes to publish a teacher's manual which can be used by teachers across the country.

## 15% Rate rollback for Florida homeowners

By Bill Nelson

Florida Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner

The big news in Florida in the summer of 1992 was Hurricane Andrew. Beyond the tragic loss of life, Andrew caused more economic damage than all of the previous major storms combined: \$25 billion and still climbing. Insurance losses exceeded \$16 billion.

Before that monster storm, Florida had one of the most active and competitive property insurance markets in the nation. But since Andrew, the property insurance market in many parts of the state, especially south Florida, has been paralyzed. Fearing the next big one, insurance companies developed an insatiable appetite for higher and higher rates.

Over the past three years that I've been in office, I've worked closely with your legislators to rebuild the homeowners insurance market devastated by Andrew — to keep insurance available and affordable. Today, we have a special tax-exempt trust fund that could cover 85 percent of the residential losses of another Andrew-size storm. And the two largest insurers of Florida homes have agreed to freeze their rates.

With this progress, Florida stands at a crossroads today. We can finish the job of rebuilding the insurance market and give consumers the relief and protection they need. Or we can stand back and allow the industry to maintain its tight grip on homeowners.

The choice is an easy one. That's what my top legislative priority for 1998 is all about.

I am requesting that you contact your legislators and urge them to enact the "Homeowners Protection Act" during the annual two month legislative session that began March 3. It's my hope that the Legislature will work responsibly on this comprehensive plan. In broad outline, the legislation would:

- Roll back your homeowner insurance rates by 15 percent;
- Give you, the loyal policyholders, protection against unfair cancellation;
- Allow those of you who move within the state to take your insurance with you;
- Assure you of full premium discounts for safeguards like storm shutters;
- Reduce extra charges you as policyholders might face from the mega-storm;
- Require insurance companies to write more policies; and
- Put rate decisions back in the hands of the elected commissioner, instead of an industry dominated arbitration panel.

The "Homeowners Protection Act" would eliminate the need for residential coverage by the State's insurer of last resort, known as the JUA, and allow companies to buy cheaper reinsurance from the state's disaster fund, thereby reducing costs to the consumer and resulting in the 15 percent reduction in rates.

I look forward to hearing from you in the weeks ahead on these final steps needed to return competition to Florida's homeowners insurance market and give you the rate relief you deserve. I hope you will help me convince the Legislature to enact them into law.

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## Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 655 complaints, worked 20 crime scenes and gave 11 traffic citations the week of March 16-22. Those arrested included:

**March 16-** Calvin Edmondson, 47, domestic battery; Arthur Ruffin, 27, throwing a deadly missile into an occupied dwelling and assault with a deadly weapon; Robert Hicks, 35, burglary of a structure.

**March 17-** Douglas Stokes, 33, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Bradford Smith, 29, burglary of a business, four counts of forgery, four counts of uttering a forged check and petty theft.

**March 18-** Archine Monroe,

48, two counts of failure to appear and possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Carlene Dotting, 26, retail theft; Gary Williams, 39, domestic battery; Alfredo Ramirez, 25, failure to appear.

**March 19 -** Jerome Williams, 38, battery on an emergency medical provider and grand theft.

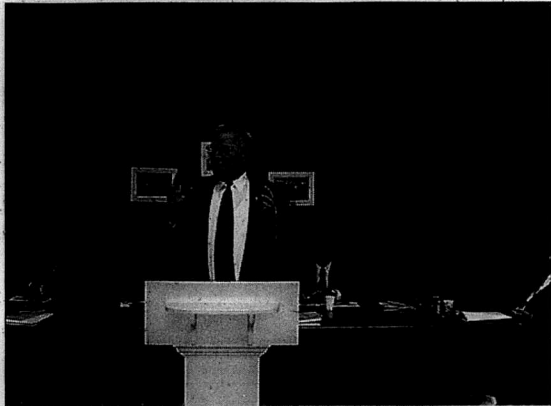
**March 20-** Emma Barnett, 27, domestic battery; Juvenile, 17, domestic battery; Omar Morin, 21, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Wylie Billups, 21, reckless display of a firearm; Abner Mangham, 53, grand theft; Carlos Sanchez, 26, driving under the influence.

**March 21-** Darryl Gibbons,

34, contempt of court; Lloyd Howard, 25, gambling with dice; Juvenile, 16, attempted burglary of a dwelling, grand theft auto and three counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

**March 22-** Charles Donald, 36, opposing and obstructing by fleeing; Robert Smith, 31, felony criminal mischief, resisting an officer without violence and domestic assault.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.



Palm Beach County Tax Collector John Clark was one of the guest speakers for Leadership Glades last week. The Leadership Glades class of 1998 enjoyed Legislative Day by learning about the various aspects of the Palm Beach County governmental system.

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are not doing as much as they could to support their children.

You have a few parents who are dedicated. You have just a few parents who show up at an open house and it's always the same few dedicated parents. You never see the parents who need to be involved.

Also, you have administrators who have their hands tied as to what they can do in terms of disciplining these children. Because schools want to keep suspension rates down, these kids are not suspended. These kids disrupt the class-

room with little more than a slap on the wrist and they're back in the classroom.

Also, we have children who are not exposed to different cultural issues or anything outside of the Glades area. You have a lot of children on the coast who come from affluent families, have parents who are supportive and dedicated to their children's education. They go on vacation and do things with their kids that kids out here do not receive.

I think that all of that home knowledge plays a major factor in their test scores."

## Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made nine arrests the week of March 16-22. Those arrested included:

**March 16-** Harrison Harris, 63, gambling with dice.

**March 17-** Josephine Sims, 43, aggravated domestic

assault and resisting arrest without violence; Nigel Clarke, 45, domestic battery.

**March 18-** Juvenile, 13, burglary to a dwelling and petty theft; Juvenile, 14, burglary to a dwelling and petty theft; Juvenile, 16, burglary to a conveyance.

**March 19-** Ruth Davis, 39, warrant for failure to appear; Bobby Dunnaway, 42, trespassing after warning and disorderly conduct.

**March 20-** Juvenile, 13, retail theft.

**March 21 -** No arrests made.

## South Bay Police Dept. arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made 3 arrests, gave 18 citations, 3 written warnings, handled 19 offenses, two incidents, 56 misc. incidents and two accidents the week of March 15-20. Those arrested included:

**March 15-** No arrests made.

**March 16-** No arrests made.

**March 17-** No arrests made.

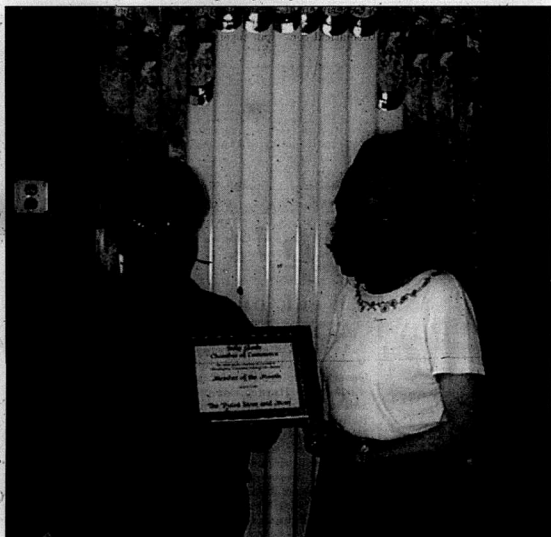
**March 18-** Juvenile, 16, aggravated battery; Verdell Singletary, 53, possession of

drug paraphernalia.

**March 19-** No arrests made.

**March 20-** No arrests made.

**March 21 -** Newton E. Thomas, 24, aggravated assault.



**CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH** The Paint Store and More on South Main Street, Belle Glade was the recipient of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce "Member of the Month" award. Vera Robinson, owner, is shown on the right accepting the plaque from Chamber Membership Chairman Hattie Bennett. The Paint Store was recognized for its dedication to the community in various ways, including sponsoring a Farm League and other activities to benefit the youth of the Glades.

### Commissioner Foster to speak in Belle Glade

Commissioner Ken Foster will address residents at a meeting set for Saturday, March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida in the Fourth Floor Conference Room. The event is sponsored by SPAN, Inc., a non-profit organization. Commissioner Foster will discuss plans for the future site of the Pomper 24-hour Day Care Center, located at 800 West Avenue A in Belle Glade.

Anyone interested in attending the event should call 996-7089 days or after 3 p.m. call 992-8258.

## PHS Class of 1978 meeting set

The regular monthly meeting for the Pahokee High School class of 1978 will be Saturday, March 28 at 5 p.m. at the Brown home, 300 West 6th Street, Pahokee. Hostesses will be Debbie Morgan and Lillie Owens. All class members are asked to attend and bring a covered dish and their final payment for the planned trip in June.

For further information contact Diane Freeman, 924-2867 or Teresa Byner, 924-5674.

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## Crimestoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Jamerish Demetris Robinson, who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of grand theft of a motor vehicle and burglary of a dwelling. Robinson also goes by the names Jareemiah Robinson and James Rollen.

He is a black male, 5' 8", weighing 220 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and a scar on his left hand and burn marks. His date of birth

is July 9, 1973 and his Social Security Number is 263-79-0190. His last known address was 835 Bayberry Drive, Lake Park. His last occupation was as a drill presser. His warrant was active as of March 16, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Robinson, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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## Simpson & Williams to unite in matrimony



Sally Meredith Simpson and Jason Alan Williams

Mr. Ron Simpson and Mrs. Joyce Simpson (formerly Joyce Morris) of Fayetteville, Georgia proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Meredith, to Mr. Jason Alan Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams of Fayetteville, Georgia.

Miss Simpson is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson of Fayetteville,

Georgia, and Mrs. Alice Riddon of Belle Glade and the late Mr. Perry Riddon.

Mr. Williams is the grandson of Mrs. Margaret Williams of Fayetteville, Georgia and the late Mr. Earl Williams, and Mrs. Renate Hoff of Toledo, Ohio and the late Mr. Michael Kunzer.

Miss Simpson is a 1993 graduate of Fayette County

High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Georgia. Miss Simpson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in Early Childhood Education. She now teaches third grade at Palmetto Elementary School in Fulton County, Georgia.

Mr. Williams is a 1994 graduate of Fayette County High School. Mr. Williams will receive his Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the United States Air Force Academy in May of this year. Along with his degree, Mr. Williams will receive his commission as a lieutenant into the United States Air Force. Mr. Williams will be attending Harvard University Medical School in the fall.

Miss Simpson and Mr. Williams will marry on June 20, 1998 at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be held at College Park First United Methodist Church in College Park, Georgia. There will be a reception immediately following at Fort McPherson's Community Club in East Point, Georgia.

## Welcome to the family!

Mr. & Mrs. Buddy and Brandi Higgins are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Taylor Higgins.

She was born on January 30, 1998 at 2:06 a.m. at Glades General Hospital. Brianna weighed 5

pounds, 14 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Spooner Higgins of Belle Glade.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Redish of Jonas Ridge, N.C.

## Local children starring in PINOCCHIO at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center

The charming tale of PINOCCHIO, the wooden puppet who longed to become a real, live boy, comes to life this Saturday, March 28, when Missoula Children's Theatre and over 50 local students perform an original, musical adaptation of this classic tale. The local cast features Jovita Santoyo as the Blue Fairy, Brandon Painter as Jimmy Cricket, Tyronne Jenkins as the villainous Fox and Ophelia Wilkerson as the mischievous Cat. Also featured are Jennin Halum, Darnesia Hodge, and Lyndsey Yagovane as Puppets, Monica Hernandez as

Pinocchio's tough friend, Candrick, and Angelica Hernandez, Tiffany Halum, Maranda Buchanan, and Jermaine Nary as Candlewick's Crew. To complete the ensemble, Ashley Dixon, Ashley Sheffield, Laetrice Hall, Roy Ward, Mackendy Prinetti, Helen Gary, Tiffany Hall, Candace Miller, David Woodham, and Tohanavia Marshall will appear as Urchins, Rebecca Nelson, Jonathan Wilson, LaTeria Dennard, Jeffrey Nary, Ronnesha Williams, Natalie Malone, Jared Painter. Continued on page 8

## Military News

Jean R.F. Baptiste has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Royal Palm Beach, FL. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Baptiste, a student at Glades Central High School, will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. for basic training July 22, 1998.

She is the daughter of Marie Francois of Belle Glade.



Pictured L to R - Frances Vorhees, Denise Hatton, Thelma Crady and President, Tommie Lee DuBois, back row - Rosanna Parrish, Juanita Bracewell, Louise Lee, Vee Harrington, Frances Adams, Ena Keen, Frances Lockhart and Margaret Wilkinson.

## ERMC Auxiliary receives Camber Award

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce presented the March "I Made A Difference" award to the Everglades Regional Medical Center Auxiliary at its breakfast meeting on March 5th.

Formerly known as the Pink Ladies, these volunteers donate thousands of hours of their valuable time and energy to not only greet and direct visitors, but they operate the gift store as well. Profits from the gift store are used to purchase and donate equipment to be used in the hospital.

## LET'S ALL CELEBRATE!

Harvest African Methodist Episcopal Church is celebrating their first year of jubilee as a church family. Harvest was founded on March 12, 1997 by the Rev. Patricia S. Wallace, an ordained elder in the South Florida Conference.

The new church has been blessed with a new sanctuary at 825 Larrimore Road, Pahokee.

Special guest will be the Rev. Claudia Spradley of Riviera Beach. The service will begin at 11 a.m. The Day of Harvest will conclude at 3 p.m. with a community gospel sing. Local choirs and pastors are asked to help Harvest worship this day of thanksgiving.

For further information call 924-4263 or 924-7030.

The church with a vision, walking by faith and not by sight.

## Community Worship Service

Sunday, March 29, at 7 p.m. all Belle Glade churches will unite once again for community worship.

There are presently 10 churches who join together every 5th Sunday for this event.

This Sunday service will convene at the Church of God of Prophecy, 601 S.E. 12th Street and State Road 80 (old) where

## Sorority News

Delta Sigma Theta Sororities all over the nation are celebrating National Sisterhood Week this week.

The Glades Alumnae Chapter Sisterhood Committee has put together a week of activities for all members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to enjoy.

The activities started on Sunday, March 22 at the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Belle Glade.

The activities were: 3/23 was declared as Color Day. The Sorority members wore their colors of red and white; 3/24 - member called an inactive Delta to unite or reunite her with the sorority sisters; 3/25 was Sorority Pin Day. Members wore their favorite pins; 3/26 -

Today is Phone a Delta Day. Call all of your sisters just to say hello and let them know that you are thinking of them; 3/27 - Delta Night at the Movies. Sorority members will attend the Wellington Movie Theater to enjoy the movie U.S. Marshall. The movie starts at 7:05 p.m. We will leave Belle Glade at 6:15 p.m. Call someone to car pool with and enjoy the night; 3/28 - Delta Pot Luck Day - Bring your favorite dish and enjoy a night of socializing at Ms. Fletcher's home, 849 S.E. 1st Street, Belle Glade at 7:30 p.m. or call 992-5775 for information.

## Clarification

Duana Daniels, U.S. Sugar scholarship recipient received \$3,000 of a \$300,000 scholarship. There were 22 recipients each receiving a share of the funds.

## Rev. Jean Ingram Pastors

The services are held at a different church each time. All congregations participating will be presented in the program.

The Belle Glade Ministerial Association extends this welcome to all.

## Obituaries

### Week of March 26, 1998

Ruth B. Mock, age 87, of Belle Glade, died Tuesday March 17, 1998 at Glades General Hospital. Mrs. Mock was born in Hardee County and had been a resident of Belle Glade over 60 years. Most residents remember her as a long time school bus driver where she retired.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph B. Mock in 1994. Mrs. Mock was a member of the order of the Eastern Star, Rebecca Lodge, First Baptist Church in Belle Glade.

Survivors include her loving son Wayne Mock; sister - Viree M. Johnson, grandchildren - Michael Mock and Sandra Wheeler of Atlanta, Georgia.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade with Reverend Gary Houdek officiating. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in West Palm Beach.

Mixon Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

William Clement Vaughn, age 70, of Oak Ridge, died Thursday, March 12, 1998, at Briarcliff Health Care Center.

Mr. Vaughn had been active with the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons and at the Oak Ridge Senior Center. He was retired as a truck driver with South Bay Trucks

in South Bay, FL. Born in Alliance, Ohio, on February 30, 1928, he was the son of Forrest and Elsie Brantingham Vaughn.

He and his wife, Mary Margaret Gressinger Vaughn, who survives him, had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 31.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Vaughn is survived by two daughters, Pat Connell and Debby Alois and her husband, Michael, all of Oak Ridge; three sister, Carol Waddell and Margaret Haines and her husband, Floyd, all of Alliance, and Dorothy Lasky and her husband, Cliff, of Hobe Sound, FL.; two brothers, Roger Vaughn of Louisville, Ohio, and Dale Vaughn and his wife, Jo Ann, of Akron, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Melissa Alois, Joseph Alois and Casey Alois, all of Oak Ridge.

A sister, Geraldine Westra, died earlier.

A memorial service was held Sunday, March 15, in the chapel of Weatherford Mortuary with the Rev. Dan Whitman officiating. Burial was at Oak Ridge Memorial Park.

The family requests any memorials be in the form of donations to the Oak Ridge Senior Center, Attn: Janice Thomas, P.O. Box 1, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0001.

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# Cat Talk from



a JOB WELL DONE!

## Upcoming events

March 26, at 7 p.m. presentation of the School Improvement Plan. Gove Elementary cordially invites the community to this presentation.

## Spaghetti dinner

Gove Elementary's P.T.O. and the Student Council are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on March 26 between 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$5 and can be purchased from the Family Center. HOPE YOU CAN COME!

## It's a race

Congratulations to Mrs. B. Alvarez and her second grade class for being commended by the judging team for the Elementary Division of the

Regional Science Fair. The quality of the project and the high degree of student involvement provided an excellent avenue for extending the teaching of science to a meaningful level. In countless ways, the students are the beneficiaries of this experience. Both of the projects developed by the class received first and second place recognition in the school's science fair. Again, congratulations to Mrs. Alvarez and her students for



Willis Whalen, of the Miami Dolphins, gives the students of Gove Elementary a quick lesson on football before starting them on drills.



Mr. Whalen gives the students a few pointers.

## 11th Annual Shakespeare Competition



Lindsay Bennett

The 11th Annual Shakespeare Competition is for all Palm Beach County High School students who have an interest in the arts. Students select and recite, from memory, a sonnet and a speech from a play.

Winners receive \$200 and a trip to New York City to compete with 54 other E-SU

branches, for the National prize, a 2-week summer course in Great Britain. Runner-up receives \$100 and finalists receive \$50.

Lindsay Bennett, a senior at Glades Central Community High School, entered and was a finalist in the competition. She was coached by Sarah Bennett. Congratulations Lindsay!

## Stokes named Executive Director of Florida Ag in the Classroom, Inc.

The Board of Directors of Florida Ag in the Classroom, Inc. has appointed Deena Stokes as its executive director. Stokes graduated from The University of Florida in December 1997, with a bachelor's degree in agriculture education and communication.

Stokes grew up on a beef cattle ranch in Highlands county, where she was active in 4-H and FFA. She graduated from Lake Placid High School in 1993 and then attended South Community College in Avon Park to earn an associate in arts degree.

"We are pleased to have Deena on board. She has skills and talents which will enhance the growth of Florida Ag in the Classroom," said Scott Christmas, Chairman of Florida Ag in the Classroom, Inc.

The mission of Florida Ag in

the Classroom, Inc. is to foster public understanding of the states multi-faceted agriculture system and agriculture's contributions to our economy, environment, health and quality of life. The program is fund-



ed by the sale of Florida agricultural vehicle license plates. The proceeds from the "Ag Tag" sales are used to develop materials and classroom tools to help teachers integrate agri-

culture subjects into their curriculum. Florida Ag in the Classroom, Inc. sponsors teacher workshops around the state to introduce the Ag in the Classroom curriculum to teachers.

"Professionals developed this material and it meets the state educational standards. That means our materials can be used for everyday classroom instruction," Christmas said.

Stokes' responsibilities will include coordinating the activities of the Florida Ag in the Classroom, Inc. board, assisting in the development of new teaching materials, planning teacher workshops and promoting "Ag Tag" sales.

"The creation and implementation of this position and the continuing brisk sales of the "Ag Tag" imply a bright future of Florida Ag in the Classroom, Inc." Christmas said.



Pictured L to R - Pack 619 - Jared Murphy, Jonathan Holloway, Leo Hooker, Travis Pin, Michael Ashton, Pack 622 - Brian Goggins, Joshua Chamblee, Anthony Sandlin and Lee Gay.

## Local Boy Scouts hold Cross Over ceremony

Webelos from Clewiston Pack 619 and Belle Glade Pack 622 participated in a "Cross Over Ceremony" on Saturday, February 21 at John Stretch Park in Lake Harbor.

Family and friends watched as Boy Scouts from troop 619

and 622 put the Cub Scouts in canoes and took them across the pond where they were greeted into Boy Scouts.

After a flag ceremony and a brief awards presentation everyone was entertained by the Hitchiti Dance Team, which is made up of a group of

Explorers. After the ceremony was over, hot dogs and hamburgers were served by the Belle Glade Sheriff Explorer's Post 611.

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts would like to thank everyone who helped make this ceremony a great success.

## 1997-98 Pahokee High School Basketball Team



Pictured L to R - back row - Jerome Williams, Eric Moore, Jacoby Alexander, middle row - Coach Floyd Henry, Anquan Boldin, Orickland Jones, Shannard Edmond, Mrs. Mae Gamble, front row - Bernard Jackson, Carlton Williams, Kenneth Williams, Derrick Maxie, Alvin Dean and Abraham Johnson. Congratulations to the Blue Devil basketball team on an outstanding season. They ended the season as Regional Champs and were the only Palm Beach County School in the Final Four at the Lakeland Center.

## DOLLY HAND CULTURAL ARTS CENTER



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## Pinocchio

Saturday, March 28, 1998

at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All Tickets \$5

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## Coming Up in April

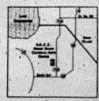
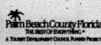
\* The Stetson University Jazz Ensemble - April 3

\* An Evening with Dan Seals - April 17

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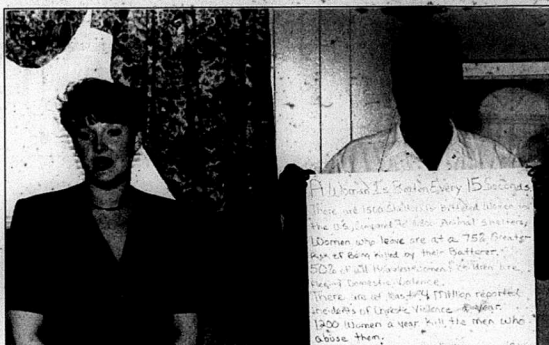


"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

William Butler Yeats



Pictured L to R - Assistant Principal Connie Scotchel, Zachariah Sepulveda, Brandi Pringle, Jenny Patterson and Sgt. Ken Law. At the March 3 Rotary Club, Pahokee High School Assistant Principal, Connie Scotchel, talked about the ROTC program. \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded to ROTC. Local students received \$50,000 to MIT. ROTC draws students from Wellington and Royal Palm as well as the Glades area



"A woman is beaten every 15 seconds," says Ms. Emma Fincannon as she delivers this speech to the Belle Glade Rotary Club members. In the United States, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44. Ms. Fincannon is with the Domestic Violence Communications Office and Palm Beach County Sheriff's office in Belle Glade. Pictured with her is Dennis McCarthy, member of the Rotary Club.

## PINOCCHIO Continued from page 6..

Tai'Quay Smith, Crainetta Knowles, Jennette DeLeon, Bisan Halum, Tessa Nieto, Paul Smith, Shantel Knowles, and Rosa Mendoza as the Pleasure Isle Kids, and D'Erika Haslem, Alleigh Miller, Jarod Smith, Amanie Halum, Jaquay Moore, Justin Ford, Deandra Hawk, Kristen Morales, Brittany Ward, Antonio Hylton, Mohammad Barhouash, Gabrielle Paleboda, and Marian Painter as the masterfully crafted toys.

Assistant Directors are Luisa Mendoza and Jeff Woodham.

PINOCCHIO will be presented at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door, or by calling the box office at 561-992-6160.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Belle Glade is being presented by the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center/Fabulous Glades Campus of Palm Beach Community College with funding provided by the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.



The cast of PINOCCHIO is hard at work rehearsing for Saturday's big performance at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

## 1998 Winston Cup Schedule

Date:	Race/Location:	Television:	Starting time:
March 29	Food City 500, Bristol, TN	ESPN	1:10 p.m.
April 5	Texas 500, Fort Worth, TX	CBS	1 p.m.
April 19	Goody's Headache Powder 500, Martinsville, VA	ESPN	1 p.m.
April 26	Diehard 500, Talladega, Ala.	ABC	Noon
May 3	California 500, Fontana, CA	ESPN	11 a.m.
May 24	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, NC	TBS	6:15 p.m.
May 31	MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del.	TNN	12:10 p.m.
June 6	Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, VA	ESPN	7:40 p.m.
June 14	Miller Lite 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	CBS	1 p.m.
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, PA	TNN	1 p.m.
June 28	Save Mart/Kragen 350, Sonoma, CA	ESPN	1:10 p.m.
July 4	PPG 400, Daytona Beach, FL	CBS	8 p.m.
July 12	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, NH	TNN	1 p.m.
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, PA	TBS	1 p.m.

## Look at her run!

By Jennie M. Sears  
Staff Reporter

She's at it again! Anita Perkins, of the Glades Track Club, participated in the 1998 Shamrock Run on Saturday, March 14th. This race was held at John Prince Park and along the shore of Lake Osborne.

Anita entered the 14 and

under age group race and placed 2nd. In the overall women's she placed 6th and overall men and women, she came in 36th place.

Anita beat her own personal record running 19:56.29. Once again CONGRATULATIONS Anita and keep up the good work!



### Coming in April

The Stetson University Jazz Ensemble will be at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on April 3.  
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The good news is that there are nearly 400,000 scholarship and grant sources now available to help students pay for college expenses. Over 80% of these scholarship do not depend on family need or high grades but are awarded based on factors such as the student's interests, activities, field of study, age, ethnic background or parent's work or military service.

According to the U.S. Department of Education and financial aid experts, many students are missing out on the financial assistance opportunities available to them simply because they are not aware

of the scholarship process and where to find scholarships that can help them. "Students who take the initiative to find out what sources they qualify for are usually successful in funding either part or all of their education."

Now through the resources of the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated and expanded publication for 1998 is available which provides important information for all students seeking financial assistance, how to use the new tax changes to save money on your educational expenses, and where to secure direct scholarship money.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships for college, graduate school or trade school, send a No. 10 self addressed, double stamped envelope plus \$2.00 to cover handling to the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), 188 Summer Street Dept. M1, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Pelican Lake Water Control District, the annual meeting of the landowners of Pelican Lake Water Control District for the year 1998 will be held at the office of said District in the Belle Glade office at Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Tuesday, April 14th, 1998, at 10:00 A.M., in the forenoon for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine, and;
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

If a person desires to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred to, he or she may need to make a written record of the proceedings made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
BY: M. Walter C. Parker, Jr.  
President

Published: The Sun, March 26/28 & April 2nd, 1998.  
Legal No. 98-34

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of East Shore Water Control District, the annual meeting of the landowners of East Shore Water Control District for the year 1998 will be held at the office of said District in the Belle Glade office at Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Tuesday, April 14th, 1998, at 10:00 A.M., in the forenoon for the purpose of:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
BY: M. Walter C. Parker, Jr.  
President

Published: The Sun, March 26/28 & April 2nd, 1998.  
Legal No. 98-35

### PUBLIC NOTICE

On April 10, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., a public session will be held at 655 US 27 North in South Bay, Florida. The following vehicle will be auctioned off for charges. All sales will be cash.

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Belle Glade



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## "The List"...Continued from Page 1

sulted in increased attention from the Palm Beach County School District and additional help for teachers, students and parents.

Dr. Jones added that things probably would have changed anyway, even without "the list," because the new superintendent was concerned about the Glades schools.

"There's been a strong commitment to the Glades since Dr. Kowal has been here," she said. Dr. Joan P. Kowal is the Superintendent of Schools for the Palm Beach County School District.

trict.

"The biggest difference in the schools today is a real focus on academics and on the teachers planning together," said Dr. Jones. "Before, the teachers were isolated. Now they're working together."

She said she meets every week with the principals so the school officials can also plan together.

"Teachers are collaborating and learning from each other," she said.

"Dr. Kowal has taken all the departments in the county of-

fice and sent out personnel to help the Glades schools," she said. "They're sending out math specialists and reading specialists. They're assigned to come in and give additional assistance to the teachers. They go into the classrooms to work with the teachers," she said.

Another change in Glades schools is the concentrated emphasis on basic skills.

"We really looked at how we were using time. We reworked the schedule to make sure we had at least two hours of reading each day," she said.

"Every minute counts, she said. Teachers put signs with lists of reading words in the hallways so the students would see them as they change class.

"It's a matter of utilizing every minute we have with the teachers," she said.

While the school district divides the money on a per student basis, and the Glades schools also get some additional federal and state funding for programs for low-income students, money can be a problem, she said.

"There are some things the

schools lack," she said. In more affluent areas of the county, schools can count on PTO fundraisers to pay for some of the "extras."

It's harder to raise money in Belle Glade or Pahokee, she said.

"The principals here have to work extra hard to get some things that come easy to Royal Palm or Wellington."

Dr. Jones said while the elementary schools work on basic skills, the middle and high schools are playing catch-up.

Middle school and high

school students need remedial help in reading, and math in order to do well in their other studies.

"Right now, we're developing reading programs across Palm Beach County," she said.

She said the middle schools and high schools have vocational programs to help students who do not plan to go to college.

"We want all of our students to leave high school prepared to go on for more education or to get a job," she said. "I think that's what every parent would want."

## Writing assesment...continued from Page 1

language including precision in word choice. Subject/verb agreement and verb and noun forms must be correct. With few exceptions, sentences must be complete, except when fragments are used purposefully. Sentence structure should vary.

A zero or unscorable paper is

one which does not relate to the prompt, simply rewords the prompt, is illegible, is written in a foreign language or is left blank.

The following is an example of a prompt similar to that used for fourth grade students:

"Everyone has done something that he or she will re-

member.

"Before you begin writing, think about a time you did something that you will always remember."

"Now tell the story about the time you did something that you will always remember."

## Baker retires...continued from Page 1

er for about a week back in 1964. "It was after the Civil Rights Bill was passed," he said. As acting Chief of Police in the absence of Chief Charlie Joodlett, Mathis was worried about how to handle several potentially explosive situations.

John Baker slept on a cot at the police station for four or five days, giving constant advice and support to the acting chief. "Belle Glade owes John Baker a great deal for that," he said. "John was an extraordinary citizen and attorney for the City of Belle Glade."

Mayor Steve Weeks said, "I remember when I first came on the commission. John said, 'I'm here to do one thing - keep you out of jail and he did. John has always been very fair and very honest.'"

He told Mr. Baker, "with your experience and history, your position will be very hard to fill. It is a loss to the city when you retire, but what a fantastic job you have done."

Commissioner Daniel Byth-

wood said, "I've known him a good deal of time. He's straight. If he tells you he's going to do something, he'll do it. You know where you stand with John Baker."

Mr. Baker says the commission informed him they were seeking a full-time attorney to handle the city's business. "I guess that's what pushed me to decide to do this," he said. The city has advertised the position in trade publications.

Mr. Baker says he plans to continue as a consultant for the city until a new city attorney can be found. He is also the attorney handling two lawsuits the city is engaged in and says he will follow through with the Peavy and Burton lawsuits.

A vacation in Hawaii is part of Mr. Baker's immediate future plans. He and his wife, Marjorie, will take the trip this summer. He plans to continue his law practice on a selective basis, and says he will be selective in his workload.

"I'm having too much fun doing what I'm doing to retire," he said.

Vice Mayor Mathis read a list

of Attorney Baker's community involvement at the commission meeting.

It included: Lion of the Year for the Belle Glade Lions Club in 1969-70; President of the Belle Glade Lions Club 1970-71; Outstanding Award of the Year from the Association of Retarded Children in 1985; Marine Council Award/Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce in 1983; Shrine Award for Outstanding Citizen 1991-92; President of the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association 1996-97; Past President of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce; Past President and other various offices in the Okaloosa Waterway Association.

Mr. Baker was admitted to practice in all Florida courts, Federal District courts of the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, the Eleventh and Fifth Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

He and Marjorie have one son, David, and two sons from Marjorie's previous marriage. They have five grandchildren.

## House fires...Continued from Page 1

said Chief Jones, and Daniels also had a younger brother killed in a house fire in 1989 in the same area of town the recent fires have been.

"We're still working on this case," said Chief Jones.

The State Fire Marshall's office assisted in the case as well as the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

Search warrants of the men's homes turned up a gold necklace taken in one of the fires and a cellular telephone.

Daniels told police he twice burglarized an apartment at 130 S.W. 7th Avenue. On the last burglary he was alone and said he entered the residence through the front door with a screw driver. Once inside he started garbage on fire in the kitchen and left two condoms at the scene. On the second occasion, he said Freeman was present acting as a look out.

Daniels said he again entered the residence by prying the front door open with a screw driver and once inside set fire to a bed using toilet paper and a lighter to ignite it. He told police he left one condom in the refrigerator.

The two men then went to 1401 Jasmine Court and entered through an unlocked back door. Once inside, Freeman said he set fire to the living room couch while Daniels left a condom on the couch.

The men also confessed to entering a home at 200 S.W. 10th Ave. and setting the bed on fire. In another incident, the men said they entered an apartment on 6th Avenue through a bedroom window. While Freeman stood watch outside,

Daniels said he was inside turning on all the stove burners and the stove. He then left a condom on the living room couch and stole a cellular phone and a gold necklace.

In a fire at Oak Court, Daniels said he tried to start a fire in the oven using the occupant's purse. He then put a cereal box on a stove burner and set it on fire. Before exiting, he told officers he put two or three condoms in separate bedrooms upstairs.

Chief Jones said Daniels' fingerprints were matched to prints in the homes. Freeman was involved in five of the fires. Both men are in the Palm

Beach County Jail. Daniels is charged with seven counts of first degree arson and seven counts of burglary. Freeman is charged with five counts of first degree arson and five counts of burglary.

Chief Jones said his department is researching other fires in South Bay, including a suspicious church fire in June of 1996.

The fire in 1988 or 1989 in which Daniels' brother died also killed several other children.

"I believe Daniels has been emotionally distraught ever since that fire," said Chief Jones. "We are checking out the details in that case again."

## Canal Point Elementary students know 'the score'

By Katrina Elksen  
Contributing Editor

Students at schools on the Florida Commissioner of Education's "critical list," are keenly aware of their school's status. They also know the tests they took in February and will take in April can take away that stigma.

In Mike Hanlon's class at Canal Point Elementary, fourth graders recite a motivational poem before discussing test scores. These kids know their school will be judged on their test performance. They also know exactly what the test scores mean.

"How did you do on the Florida Writes test?" asks the teacher.

"Six!" they shout in reply, giving the top score possible.

With the writing test out of the way, the school is concentrating on the upcoming California Test of Basic Skills or CTBS, in reading and math.

"We live, eat and sleep

CTBS," said Principal Glennie Davis.

Canal Point Elementary concentrates on reading, writing and math skills. But they are also targeting another skill - test taking.

Students are given sample tests to help them prepare for the real thing. This helps them also get used to the test format and helps teachers identify areas they need to work on.

The children are also drilled in key words to look for in the test questions. For students with limited reading skills, learning a few key words can make a big difference when taking a test, explained Principal Davis.

For example, "how many are left," in a question tells you to subtract. "Total," tells you to add.

The timing of the tests also led the school to make changes in curriculum, so that students could learn the needed skills in time to take the Florida Writes

test in February of the CTBS in Davis.

"We're not necessarily teaching the book in sequence," said Principal Davis. "We had to re-vamp the way that we teach and the sequence that we teach it in."

"The fourth graders are very aware this is very important," said Dr. Barbara Merony at Pioneer Park Elementary School. "They see how hard the teachers are working."

"I think the children have not really felt the importance of it until this year," she said.

She said on the day of the Florida Writes test, only two fourth graders were absent. The students were anxious to take the test and prove how much they had learned, she said.

Afterwards, she said, she was surprised to overhear the students discussing the test and what they had written.

"They enjoyed the writing," she said.

## Religious poetry sought

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets. The contest is free. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$2,000.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's contest director. "We're especially keen on inspiring beginning poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Florida has produced great poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from among the Belle Glade area grassroots poets."

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 North Wood Avenue, Suite 70, Linden, New Jersey, 07036. Or enter on-line at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com).

The deadline for entering is April 21. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might

be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires. Winners will be notified by the end of August.

1998, and will be invited for free publication. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

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# Glades Afro Arts Festival celebrates African-American Heritage



Getting down... Commissioners Daniel Bythwood and D. Bill Mathis greeted the crowds while riding on a fire truck during Saturday's Afro Arts parade.



Members of New Beginnings Holiness Church were cooking up a storm during Saturday's Afro Arts Festival.

## Glades Afro Arts Festival starts with gospel sing, ends with daylong celebration

The annual Glades Afro Arts Festival began March 19 with a gospel explosion and ended Saturday evening with food, dancing and children's activities at Lake Shore Park.

Shirley Morris, who organized the Gospel Explosion, said she was grateful for all who participated in the first Gospel Explosion. Proceeds benefited the McKnight Achiever Scholarship Fund and the Euphinea Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A street and community clean up and adopt-a-highway was held on March 16 and a health fair on March 17 as part of the festivities. A prayer service was also held as part of Afro Arts Fest on March 18 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.



Mary Henderson was enjoying the day in the park at Lake Shore Park as the Afro Arts Festival continued with lots of food, music and games for the children.

*Photos by Brenda Bunting*



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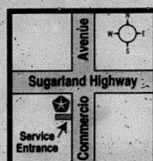
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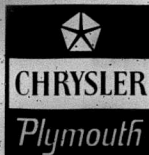
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